

REMARKS

Claims 4-6, 13-16 and 23-35 were pending in the Application. By this Response, claims 31-35 are canceled. Thus, the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 31-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,383,754, as cited in the Office Action dated 1/26/05, to Sumida et al. ("Sumida") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,739,369, as cited in the Office Action dated 1/26/05, to Yoshiura et al. ("Yoshiura").

Claims 4-6, 13-16 and 23-30 are allowed.

Claim 14 has been amended to correct a minor grammatical error.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection

The rejection of claims 31-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Sumida in view of Yoshiura, is rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 31-35.

CONCLUSION

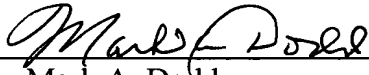
In view of the foregoing, this Application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

This Response does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims beyond the number of claims originally paid for. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to

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be timely filed. Any fee required for such a Petition for Extension of Time or any other fee required by this response, including any fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, other than the issue fee; and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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